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| Applicant(s):     | Vaartstra et al.   | ) | Group Art Unit: | 2815       |
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| Serial No.:       | 09/603,132   | ) | Examiner:       | Eugene Lee |
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| Filed:            | June 23, 2000  | ) |                 |            |
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| For:              | <u>DEVICE STRUCTURES INCLUDING RUTHENIUM SILICIDE<br/>DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYERS</u> |   |                 |            |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."

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